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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of
Inventor(s): OHARA, Eiji; KAWAZUMI, Ken-Ichiro
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING EPSILON-CAPROLACTONE

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Twenty-eight (28) pages
- Two (2) sheet(s) formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority

Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-306710 filed in Japan on October 22, 2002.

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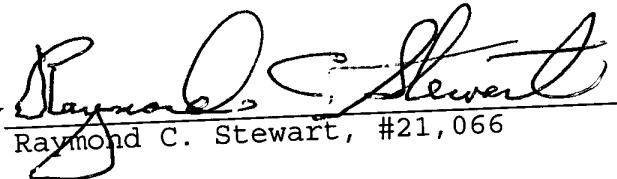
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